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For: Blank For A Disposable Thermally Insulated Container

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Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination in connection with the above-identified application on March 28, 2008. This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

In accordance with the Duty of Disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A.

A copy of the search report that issued in a related foreign application is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each of the listed foreign patents and published foreign patent applications is enclosed. With regard to JP 06-219474, a copy was previously submitted in the instant application. An English translation of JP 06-219474 is enclosed. An English translation of the abstract of JP 57-065158 is enclosed.

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that this Information Disclosure Statement and the documents referred to as attached therein are being transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, on this date April 11, 2008, via EFS-Web.

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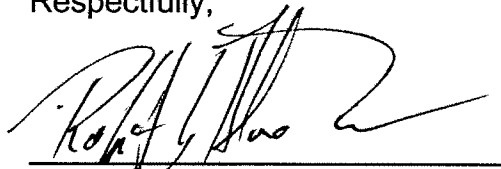
It is respectfully requested that the foregoing be considered by the Examiner and that an Examiner-initialed copy of the attached Form PTO/SB/08A be returned to the undersigned.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account 10-0235.

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Enclosures: Form PTO/SB/08a (6 pages)  
Foreign Patent Documents (11 pages)  
Non-Patent Literature Documents (36 Pages)